

Longleaf Academy: Longleaf 101

March 24th – 26th, 2026

Camp Shelby Joint Forces Training Center

Hattiesburg, MS

AGENDA

March 24th, 2026

9:30 am - 10:00 am Classroom open, coffee and refreshments

10:00 am - 10:40 am Welcome from the Longleaf Alliance and hosts

- Thanks to Our Partners
- Academy Course Overview
- Introductions, Objectives, and Goals

10:40 am - 11:40 am Lecture: Cultural History of Longleaf Pine – **Latimore Smith (Southern Wild)**

11:40 am - 12:30 pm Lecture: The Longleaf Tree: A Natural History – **Drew Arnold (The Longleaf Alliance)**

12:30 pm - 1:15 pm **Lunch provided**

1:15 pm - 2:00 pm Exercise: Introduction to Management Scenarios & group assignments

2:00 pm - 2:50 pm Lecture: Invasive Plants in Longleaf Pine Ecosystems — **Randy Browning (MSU)**

2:50 pm - 3:00 pm **Break**

3:00 pm - 3:50 pm Lecture: Site Selection & Site Preparation – **Keith Coursey (USFS)**

3:50 pm - 4:40 pm Lecture: Seedling Quality & Planting Techniques – **Ad Platt (The Longleaf Alliance)**

4:40 pm - 5:00 pm (Q&A and wrap up)

March 25th, 2026

8:30 am - 9:00 am *Classroom open, coffee and refreshments*

9:00 am - 10:00 am Lecture: Longleaf and Fire –**Gary Jarvis (Tall Timbers)**

10:00 am - 10:50 am Lecture: Herbaceous and Woody Release—**Ad Platt (The Longleaf Alliance)**

10:50 am - 11:00 am **Break**

11:00 am - 11:50 am Lecture: Forest Pests and Diseases – **Loren Erickson (MFC)**

11:50 am - 12:40 pm **Lunch provided**

12:40 pm - 1:30 pm Lecture: Forestry operations or markets talk – **Butch Bailey (MSU Extension)**

1:30 pm - 2:20 pm Lecture: Managing Longleaf for Wildlife Habitat – **Cody Pope (USFWS)**

2:20 pm - 2:30 pm **Break**

2:30 pm - 3:00 pm Cost-Share Assistance Programs – **Jim Barnes (NRCS Forester)**

3:00 pm - 3:45 pm Work in Management Groups on Scenarios

3:50 pm - 4:30 pm Group Presentation of Management Scenarios

4:30 pm - 4:45 pm Q&A and Field Site Briefing

March 26th, 2026 —FIELD TOUR

- 8:30 am Meet at Camp Shelby Joint Forces Training Center
- 9:00 am - 10:00 am Field site – Micro-chipping as a management tool –**Camp Shelby JFTC**
- 10:30 am – 11:30 am Field Site – Mechanical site prep/Residual cut —**DeSoto National Forest**
- 12:00 pm – 12:30 pm Field Site - Options for improving degraded longleaf stands – **Private**

Land

- 12:30 pm – 12:45 pm Q&A - Dismissal